



Connectives

Here are some one-word connectives.

and

but

when

because

so

for

as

though



Choose a different one of these connectives to link each of the paired sentences below.

Remember: Connectives are words or phrases that link together different parts of a text.

Connectives that link sentences, clauses, or parts of phrases are called conjunctions.

I fell over. I hurt my knee. _____

The game ended. The referee blew his whistle. _____

She couldn't ride her bike. It had a puncture. _____

I couldn't spell that word. I looked the dictionary. _____

We arrived on time. The train was delayed. _____

Here are some words and phrases that can also be used as connectives.

also

however

this means

for example

as this

Fit the connectives above into the spaces in these three paragraphs.

Many kinds of words can be used to connect ideas in a piece of writing. First _____, pronouns, adverbs, and conjunctions are all useful.

Then _____ that we can make our writing more varied and more interesting to read. Also _____, the words we choose can help us to make our meaning clearer to our readers.

However _____, we should try not to use too many of these connectives in a short piece. _____ can make our sentences long and confusing.